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COAL REQUIREMENT OF ORISSA
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the monthly requirement of coal of Orissa during the last three years and the total quantum of coal released to the State;

(b) whether the State is not getting coal as per its requirements ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to enhance the allocation of coal to Orissa in view of the increase in the demand of coal following the establishment of new steel plants?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a): The demand is assessed sector-wise by the Planning Commission and not state-wise. However, the total quantity of coal despatched to the State of Orissa during the last three years is given below: -

Year	Despatched (In million tonnes)
2002-03	21.14
2003-04	27.21
2004-05	31.51 (provisional)

(b)&(c): There is an overall gap between demand and indigenous supply of coal throughout the country. The rise in demand of coal is due to sudden spurt in the economic growth.

(d): During formulation of X Plan document, the coal production projection for Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) in 2005-06 and 2006-07 was 62.50 million tonnes and 68.0 million tonnes respectively. Subsequently in view of increase in coal demand on MCL the targets for 2005-06 and 2006-07 have been enhanced to 72 Million tonnes and 80 million tonnes respectively. This would enhance availability of coal.